

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A guitar bridge comprising:
a long, narrow base piece with top, bottom, front, and rear surfaces;
a vertical alignment hole at each end of said base piece, said vertical alignment hole being formed from the top surface through the bottom surface; ~~and~~
a first and second adjustment post configured to fit in the vertical alignment holes;
a setscrew hole in each end of said base piece being formed from an outer vertical edge to each vertical alignment hole; and
a setscrew configured for insertion into each of the setscrew holes, the setscrews upon rotation thereof into the base piece and into contact with the adjustment posts fixedly mounts the guitar bridge to the adjustment posts, wherein the setscrew holes and the setscrews are threaded so that the threaded setscrews are snugly mated with the threaded setscrew holes.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) The guitar bridge of claim 3 1 wherein each of the adjustment posts further comprise an adjustment wheel , the base piece resting on the adjustment wheel such that rotation of the adjustment wheels adjusts the vertical position of said base piece with respect to the adjustment posts.

5. (Currently amended) The guitar bridge of claim 2 1 wherein the vertical alignment holes are round ~~the~~ an entire distance through the base piece, and the adjustment posts are cylindrically round to snugly fit within the vertical alignment holes.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The guitar bridge of claim 2 1 wherein the adjustment posts are mounted to a body of the guitar.

8. (Currently amended) A guitar tailpiece comprising:

a long, narrow base piece with top, bottom, front, and rear surfaces and having string holes being formed from the front surface through the rear surface;

a vertical hole or slot at each end of the base piece, the vertical holes or slots being formed from the top surface through the bottom surface; ~~and~~

a first and second adjustment stud configured to fit in each of the vertical holes or slots;

a setscrew hole in each end of the base piece being formed from an outer vertical edge to each vertical hole or slot; and

a setscrew configured for insertion into each end of the setscrew hole, the setscrew upon rotation thereof into the base piece and into contact with the adjustment studs fixedly mounts the tailpiece to the adjustment studs, wherein the setscrew holes and the setscrews are threaded so that the threaded setscrews are snugly mated with the threaded setscrew holes.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) The guitar tailpiece of claim 9 8 wherein the adjustment studs are mounted to a body of the guitar.

12. (Original) The guitar tailpiece of claim 8 wherein the initial dimension of the string holes is of a larger diameter than the string holes, the larger diameter receiving a balled end of a standard guitar string.

13. (Original) The guitar tailpiece of claim 8 wherein the string holes further comprise slots extending from the string holes to the bottom surface.

14. (Currently amended) A method for mounting an improved guitar bridge to a guitar comprising the steps of:

mounting adjustment posts to a body of the guitar;

placing the bridge on the adjustment posts such that the adjustment posts are inserted into a vertical alignment hole at each end of a base piece of the bridge; and

fastening setscrews into setscrew holes in the base piece until the setscrews contact the adjustment posts to fixedly mount the bridge to the guitar, wherein the setscrew holes and the setscrews are threaded so that the threaded setscrews are snugly mated with the threaded setscrew holes.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the adjustment posts further comprise adjustment wheels, the base piece resting on the adjustment wheels, the method further comprising the step of rotating the adjustment wheels to raise or lower the adjustment wheels and thereby adjust vertical spacing of the bridge in relation to the body of the guitar prior to the step of fastening.
16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the step of mounting further comprises placing the adjustment posts into grommets attached to the guitar.
17. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the step of mounting further comprises gluing the adjustment posts to holes in the body of the guitar.
18. (Currently amended) A method for mounting an improved guitar tailpiece to a guitar comprising the steps of:
- mounting adjustment studs to a body of the guitar;
 - placing the tailpiece on the adjustment studs such that the adjustment studs are inserted into a vertical hole or slot at each end of a base piece of the tailpiece; and
 - fastening setscrews into the base piece such that the setscrews contact the adjustment studs to fixedly mount the tailpiece to the guitar, wherein the setscrews are threaded so that the threaded setscrews are snugly mated with corresponding threaded setscrew holes in the base piece.
19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the step of mounting further comprises placing the adjustment studs into grommets attached to the guitar.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the step of mounting further comprises gluing the adjustment studs to holes in the body of the guitar.

21. (Currently amended) An improved guitar bridge and tailpiece combination comprising:

a bridge further comprising a long, narrow base piece with top, bottom, front, and rear surfaces; a vertical alignment hole at each end of said base piece, said vertical alignment hole being formed from the top surface through the bottom surface; and a setscrew hole in each end of said base piece being formed from an outer vertical edge to each vertical alignment hole, wherein the setscrew holes are threaded so that corresponding threaded setscrews may snugly mate with the threaded setscrew holes; and

a tailpiece further comprising a long, narrow base piece with top, bottom, front, and rear surfaces and having string holes being formed from the front surface through the rear surface; a vertical hole or slot at each end of the base piece, the vertical holes or slots being formed from the top surface through the bottom surface; and a setscrew hole in each end of the base piece being formed from an outer vertical edge to each vertical hole or slot, wherein the setscrew holes are threaded so that corresponding threaded setscrews may snugly mate with the threaded setscrew holes.